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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/423,100

Filed: December 11, 2000

For: CHIMERIC PROTEIN CONTAINING AN INTRAMOLECULAR CHAPERONE-LIKE SEQUENCE AND ITS APPLICATION TO INSULIN PRODUCTION AMENDMENT

Examiner:

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 25, 2002, Applicant elects with traverse Group IV, claims 78-101, 103-108, 111-113, 116-126 and 128-129 (each in part) drawn to a method of preparing a bioactive protein comprising expressing a recombinant protein comprising a first peptidyl fragment and second peptidyl fragment wherein the first peptidyl fragment mediates formation of the bioactive conformation of the second peptidyl fragment wherein the first peptidyl fragment comprises SEQ ID NO:1 and the second peptidyl fragment comprises SEQ ID NO:5.